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U.S. Rep. Bruce Braley, D-Iowa, said Monday he will seek to add \$20 million to a federal appropriations bill to help with flood recovery in eastern Iowa.

As Braley toured several eastern Iowa communities, he stopped in Davenport to survey preparations for the flood here.

The Waterloo congressman said he will seek the \$20 million in a bill scheduled to go to the House floor this week.

It is likely to be only a part of the federal assistance that will be sought to deal with the flooding.

The measure would fund a number of federal agencies and also replenish billions of dollars in Federal Emergency Management Agency funds for disaster recovery throughout the country.

"It's obvious we're going to need it in Iowa," Braley said.

He said he and others in the state's congressional delegation also are readying a letter to ask the Obama administration to support assistance being sought by the governor's office.

Braley was at Lake Delhi, in northeastern Iowa, when the dam there collapsed Saturday and said it was a daunting sight.

"We saw boats up in trees," he said. "You could see pontoon boats and boat lifts go through those flood gates and get crunched up into small objects."

